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VIRGINIA DAVIES: My name is Virginia

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4 V-i-r-g-i-n-i-a, Davies, D-a-v-i-e-s. I go by Ginger.

5 When I originally came in here I wasn't going  
6 to make a comment, but as I was listening to everyone,  
7 certain things came to my mind, and that is, we all know  
8 that most of the Nevadans do not want this here. We're  
9 talking about the danger coming across the country  
10 transporting it, all the things that could happen.

11 I personally think that each state should be  
12 responsible for their own waste, okay, and that would  
13 save a lot. We wouldn't be transporting it. We have the  
14 earthquake issue. We have the issue of a love of our own  
15 state. We moved here, I moved here from the East Coast  
16 also because I fell in love with Nevada. I love its  
17 people, and that was the main reason I moved here.

18 But the other thing that struck me very, very  
19 peculiar, I should say set in as I was sitting here is  
20 there isn't a whole lot of people here, and the reason  
21 there aren't a lot of people here is because as the  
22 people that have come up have said, every one of us heard  
23 of it at the last minute. I heard of it this afternoon  
24 on my home from work from Carson on the radio, and I  
25 heard the announcement. This wasn't put out that people

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1 knew this was coming up. Why was this so reduced in this  
2 publicity of this meeting?

3 I want to know why, when I called up and I  
4 was sitting in the parking lot and I couldn't find the  
5 exact spot to come in here because my husband had come  
6 earlier, and he says, "No one is over there."

7 I said, "I know there's something going on.  
8 They said it on the radio. I know there's something  
9 going on."

10 So I called Channel 8 news, and I said, "Do  
11 you know of a meeting where people are allowed to make an  
12 opinion about the Yucca Mountain waste?"

13 "No, we don't know anything about it."  
14 Yelling around, "Hey, do you know anything about it on  
15 the news media? Is there anything going on over at the  
16 health department for protesting Yucca Mountain?"

17 "No, I'm sorry, lady, we don't know what  
18 you're talking about. Are there any people there?"

19 And I said, "Well, I see some cars coming and  
20 going, so I'm going to stick around and see what's  
21 happening."

22 Hung up. Called Channel 2. "Channel 2, do

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23 you guys know what's going on over at the health  
24 department about the protest about Yucca Mountain?"

25 "No, I don't think so."

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1 "Hey, Chris, do you know anything about  
2 that?" she yells over.

3 "Oh, yeah."

4 "Well, how do you know about it?"

5 "I heard it on the radio."

6 This is sad. This is involving our state.

7 People do have feelings, people do have comments, and  
8 there's a lot of people in this state that care what  
9 happens, and you're not going to hear about it, and  
10 you're going to look at this and say, only a handful of  
11 people showed up. Nobody knew about it, nobody knew  
12 about it.

13 I'm not saying it's your responsibility,  
14 yours alone, but somebody dropped the ball, and for  
15 people to really have a chance to make a comment, they  
16 need to know about it.

17 I found out about it riding in my car. As  
18 the young man that came up earlier mentioned, he had  
19 heard about it last night. People do care, people --

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20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Ask the DOE if they were  
21 the ones who announced it?

22 VIRGINIA DAVIES: There's no reason for  
23 pointing fingers. I'm just saying, don't allow the  
24 number here to affect your opinion that people don't care  
25 in Nevada. People in Nevada do care. People genuinely

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1 care. They don't want this waste here. It is dangerous  
2 because of the earthquakes, because of the travel across  
3 the country. Yes, waste has to be put someplace, and  
4 isn't it sad, isn't it sad where the geologists made the  
5 comment, we don't have the political clout. Isn't that  
6 the truth? Didn't he also make the comment that the best  
7 place was Texas, and why isn't it going to Texas? Would  
8 that have anything to do with the President of the United  
9 States?

10 I think that Bush has done a wonderful job  
11 through this whole catastrophe thing, but you can't tell  
12 me he's stopping -- you can't tell me he's not stopping  
13 the waste going into Texas. He doesn't want his state to  
14 have it. Well, we don't want it here either.

15 Let everybody take care of their own  
16 problems. When they're growing up, we tell our children,

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17 you are responsible for your own actions, and if you do  
18 something wrong, you have to take the responsibility and  
19 you have to pay the price. Well, gosh darn it, let New  
20 York take care of theirs and Maine take care of theirs  
21 and Florida take care of theirs and Kentucky and Oklahoma  
22 and all of them. I can name all 52 of them, I know all  
23 the states, but let everybody take care of their own  
24 responsibility.

25 Why do we have to be in charge of it? We

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1 don't want it. Just because we have a lot of land  
2 doesn't mean that we should have that responsibility.  
3 Please don't do this to us.

[Other commenters spoke, then Ms. Davies spoke again.]

GINGER DAVIES: I don't think it's fair, and

6 I'm not turning against anybody here because I know why  
7 we're here, and I support everything, but this  
8 gentleman -- the DOE, we don't want the waste here, and  
9 he is here representing it, but I don't think we should  
10 be taking personal attacks at this person. Just like the  
11 power company has the poor clerk sitting out front taking  
12 the bill when somebody screams and hollers and badgers  
13 them because of their power bill, and that poor clerk

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14 didn't have anything to do with the power bill.

15 This man is not going to be expressive, he's

16 not going to sit here and get into a tangent. What he

17 represents is the company that we hate, or the

18 department, I should say, that we hate, and we definitely

19 don't want it here. I think he's gotten the point, but

20 we can't pick on him for not being expressive. That's

21 not quite fair.

22 I know what was said -- when Mr. Davis said,

23 "you," he was talking about the government, he was

24 speaking about -- the government doesn't care. It

25 doesn't seem that the government agencies give a hoot

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1 what the people have to say. If they really cared about

2 what we had to say, then this would have been published

3 and people would have been notified earlier.

4 And in fairness to you, this lady asked you a

5 question. You were interrupted when you did attempt to

6 give the one answer that you said you would give, and I

7 would like to hear your answer about why this wasn't let

8 out and, you know, why people didn't know about it,

9 please.